

**Philip Ludwell to George Washington, August 8, 1755,  
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**FROM THE HON. PHILIP LUDWELL. <sup>1</sup>**

WILLIAMSBURGH Augt. 8, 1755

DEAR WASHINGTON

I most heartily congratulate your safe return from so many Dangers & fatigues; & by this Time I hope you are well enough recovered to give us ye. pleasure of seeing you here which all your Friends are extremely desirous of.

The House has voted 1200 Men but it is very probable they will determine at last for 4000. In conversation Wth. ye. Govr. about it, I said if this should be done, I supposed his Honour would give ye. Command of them to Col: Washington for I thought he deserved every thing that his Country cou'd do for him. The Govr. made a reply much in Yr. Favour; tho' I understand there is anor. warm Sollicitation for it; & if we cou'd be so happy as to have you here at this Time, & that it were known you were willing to to take such a Command; I believe it wou'd greatly promote ye. Success of our Endeavours with the Assembly. Mine, as they have allways been, uniformly continue to procure for such eminent Merit, ye. utmost Encouragement: for, Dear Colo. whilst I am serving so deserving a Man I think with pleasure that I am serving my Country as well as testifying the Sincerity with which I am

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Sir Your most Obedt. Servt. PHI: LUDWELL

1 Philip Ludwell, son of Secretary Philip and Lady Frances (Berkeley) Ludwell. His daughter Hannah married Thomas Lee, president of the Council, and acting Governor of Virginia, and his great-granddaughter, Matilda, was the first wife of "Light Horse Harry" Lee.